

ACROSS THE BIG SKY Librarians' Institute
Heritage Hall, Great Falls College of Technology
Monday, July 28, 2008 – 10:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.
Tuesday, July 29, 2008 – 8:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.

Goals:

- To introduce or review the Essential Understandings Regarding Montana Indians using a multi-sensory experience through video, poetry, and discussion
- To introduce tribally specific books and resources
- To share with each other issues you have encountered in your schools
- To review and share what's new from OYATE
- To practice critical literacy and the evaluation of stereotype and bias in popular literatures

Monday

8:00 – 10:00 a.m.

Optional Pre-Institute Opportunity

Examine new books from OYATE

Ask questions and discuss I.E.F.A. issues in your schools

Discuss resources you or your teachers may question

10:00 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.

Essential Understandings Regarding Montana Indians #1 and #2

Montana tribally specific books and resources

Book reviews and sharing for implementation of #1 and #2

12:00 – 12:30 p.m.

LUNCH (provided)

12:30 – 3:00 p.m.

Essential Understandings #3, #4, and #5

Montana tribally specific books and resources

Book reviews and sharing for implementation of #3

3:00 – 3:30 p.m.

Travel to Native American library at Longfellow School

3:30 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.

Native American Library Tour



Tuesday

8:00 – 9:45 a.m.

Montana tribally specific books and resources
Book reviews and sharing for implementation of #4 and #5

10:00 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.

Essential Understanding #6
Critical Literacy – Review and Extension of OYATE
Text evaluation strategies – recognizing stereotype and bias

12:30 – 1:00 p.m.

LUNCH (provided)

1:00 – 1:45 p.m.

Essential Understanding #7
Montana tribally specific books and resources
Book reviews and sharing for implementation of #7

1:45 - 2:45 p.m.

Thanksgiving and Columbus Day discussion, resources, strategies
Open-ended discussion of Issues and concerns you have brought

3:00 – 4:00 p.m.

Demonstration of Montana State Historical Society trunks by Deb Mitchell

